

Please delete paragraph 13 and replace it with the following:

A2
"Fig. 5 is comprised of Figs. 5A and 5B which illustrate a flowchart detailing the step for importing data that contains citation data;"

Please delete paragraph 32 and replace it with the following:

AB
"Fig. 4, which is comprised of Figs. 4A and 4B, is a flowchart that outlines the grouping of content from the different databases. The relevant fields contained in a record, based on the parameters of Fig. 3, are imported 410 from the patent file 405. In step 420, it's determined whether or not the patent record has already been imported. This is accomplished by comparing the record identifier i.e. access number, with those already obtained. If the patent record has already been acquired within the current column, then control returns to step 410 and a different patent record is imported. If the patent record has not already been imported, meaning a duplicate is not found, then in step 425, the patent record is grouped based on a common field."

Please delete paragraph 36 and replace it with the following:

A4
"Fig. 5, which is comprised of Figs. 5A and 5B, is a flowchart that outlines the steps for acquiring citation information on the patent records obtained. The citation information are the patents and articles, that were cited as references in the prosecution of the patent. The steps for acquiring citation information is similar to the steps used to acquire the patent records of Fig. 4. The citation information is usually acquired from

A4
databases such as the Derwent Patent Citation Index, however any database that contains citation information may be used to acquire the citation information."

IN THE DRAWINGS:

*Approved
mm 4/25/03*

Please correct the drawings pursuant to the attached Request for Approval of Drawings Changes in which Fig. 4 is now comprised of Figs. 4A and 4B and Fig. 5 is now comprised of Figs. 5A and 5B.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns in regard to the above amendments and changes to the drawings, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative below.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By: Chad J. Billings, PN 28632
for Chad J. Billings
Registration No. P-48,917

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

Date: July 1., 2001